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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TOURE TO PRESIDENT FORD

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED TODAY "CONFIDENTIAL" NOTE FROM FOREIGN
MINISTRY DATED MAY 15
CONTAINING
LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TOURE TO
PRESIDENT FORD, WITH REQUEST THAT LETTER BE TRANSMITTED TO
ADDRESSEE.

2. TEXT OF PRESIDENT TOURE'S LETTER, DATED MAY 10, 1975, IS
AS FOLLOWS:

3. BEGIN QUOTE. EXCELLENCY, THE GUINEAN GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATION
CONDUCTED BY THE MINISTER OF PLAN THAT I COMMISSIONED TO YOUR
GOVERNMENT FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE
IN THE FRAMEWORK OF PL480, HAS JUST REPORTED TO ME ON ITS
MISSION.

I HAVE NOTED WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THE GREAT UNDERSTANDING
THAT YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT HAVE SHOWN REGARDING THE PROBLEMS
OF FOOD SUPPLIES WHICH PRESENTLY PREOCCUPY MY COUNTRY.
IN EFFECT, THE QUANTITIES OF RICE, OF FLOUR AND OF OIL
THAT YOU HAVE JUST ACCORDED US UNDER PL480 FOR THE YEAR 1975
CONSTITUTE FOR US A VERY CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE
SOLUTION OF FOOD PROBLEMS FOR OUR PEOPLE.

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FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS, MY GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN A

VAST PROGRAM OF PRODUCTION OF FOODSTUFFS. BUT THE EXPECTED RESULTS FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF 1976 WILL SCARCELY PERMIT US TO MEET EFFECTIVELY THE NEEDS IN FOOD FOR THE ENTIRE POPULATION. WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED, IN EFFECT, ENORMOUS DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN THE HAZARDS OF NATURE, SUCH AS THE DROUGHT AND PLANT DISEASES.

THIS IS WHY I HAVE THE HONOR TO DRAW YOUR HIGH ATTENTION TO OUR URGENT NEED TO OBTAIN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MILK AND PEANUTS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAM SUBMITTED FOR THE YEAR 1975.

THIS IS ALSO WHY I WOULD HOPE THAT THE PROGRAM OF PL480 FOR THE YEAR 1976, ALREADY SUBMITTED, WILL BE EXAMINED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT WE CAN AVOID ANY INTERRUPTION IN THE REGULAR SUPPLY OF FOODSTUFFS TO THE POPULATION.

EXCELLENCY, MR. PRESIDENT, THIS IS AN OCCASION FOR ME TO RECALL THAT MY COUNTRY SINCE ITS ACCESSION TO NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, HAS BENEFITED FROM THE CONSTANT AID AND SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF ITS INDEPENDENCE AND ITS LIBERTY.

ONCE MORE, I WISH TO THANK YOUR GREAT COUNTRY FOR YOUR HIGH AND CONSTANT UNDERSTANDING SHOWN TO THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGH CONSIDERATION. (SIGNED) AHMED SEKOU TOURE. UNQUOTE.

4. ABOVE CONSTITUTES INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF LETTER,
ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED CARE OF AF/W.
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